

# LARGE DIMENSIONAL HOMOMORPHISM SPACES BETWEEN WEYL MODULES AND SPECHT MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** We give a family of pairs of Weyl modules for which the corresponding homomorphism space is at least 2-dimensional. Using this result we show that for fixed parameters  $e > 0$  and  $p \geq 0$  there exist arbitrarily large homomorphism spaces between pairs of Weyl modules.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 0$ . Take  $q \in F^\times$  with the property that  $1 + q + \dots + q^{f-1} = 0 \in F$  for some integer  $2 \leq f < \infty$  and let  $e \geq 2$  be minimal with this property. For  $n \geq 0$ , we write  $\mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}_{F,q}(\mathfrak{S}_n)$  to denote the Hecke algebra of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and  $\mathcal{S}_n = \mathcal{S}_{F,q}(\mathfrak{S}_n)$  to denote the corresponding  $q$ -Schur algebra. For each partition  $\mu$  of  $n$ , we may define a  $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module  $S^\mu$ , known as a Specht module, and an  $\mathcal{S}_n$ -module  $\Delta(\mu)$ , known as a Weyl module. Recall that if  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are partitions of  $n$  then

$$\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}_n}(S^\mu, S^\lambda)) \geq \dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\mu), \Delta(\lambda)))$$

with equality if  $q \neq -1$  [2]. Despite much investigation, there are few known examples of Weyl modules  $\Delta(\mu)$  and  $\Delta(\lambda)$  such that  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\mu), \Delta(\lambda))) > 1$ . The first such pairs were recently exhibited by Dodge [3]. Working in the symmetric group algebra and using results of Chuang and Tan [1] on the radical filtrations of Specht modules belonging to Rouquier blocks, he showed that for any  $k$  satisfying  $k(k+1)/2 + 1 < p$  there exist partitions  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  of some integer  $n$  such that  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{F\mathfrak{S}_n}(S^\mu, S^\lambda)) = k$ . In particular, for  $p \geq 5$  there exist Specht modules, and hence Weyl modules, such that the corresponding homomorphism space is at least 2-dimensional. Using Lemma 1.1 below, Dodge's result proves the following: Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic  $p \geq 5$ . Then given any integer  $l \geq 0$  there exist partitions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of some integer  $m$  such that  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{F\mathfrak{S}_m}(S^\alpha, S^\beta)) \geq l$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *Suppose  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are partitions of an integer  $n$  such that  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\mu), \Delta(\lambda))) = k$ . Then there exist partitions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of some integer  $m$  such that  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_m}(\Delta(\alpha), \Delta(\beta))) = k^2$ .*

*Proof.* We may assume  $k \geq 1$ . If  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_a)$  and  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_b)$  then, since  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\mu), \Delta(\lambda)) \neq \{0\}$ , we have  $\lambda \geq \mu$  so that  $a \geq b$  and  $\lambda_1 \geq \mu_1$ . Define partitions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by

$$\alpha_i = \begin{cases} \mu_i + \lambda_1, & 1 \leq i \leq a, \\ \mu_{i-a}, & a+1 \leq i \leq 2a, \end{cases} \quad \beta_i = \begin{cases} \lambda_i + \lambda_1, & 1 \leq i \leq a, \\ \lambda_{i-b}, & a+1 \leq i \leq 2a, \end{cases}$$

so that

$$\alpha = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \mu \\ \hline \mu & \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad \beta = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \lambda \\ \hline \lambda & \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

Then  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\alpha), \Delta(\beta))) = k^2$  by the generalized row and column removal theorems [6, Theorem 3.1] or [4, Prop. 10.4].  $\square$

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In this paper, we exhibit pairs of partitions such that the homomorphism space between the corresponding Weyl modules is at least 2-dimensional. In fact, we believe that it is exactly 2-dimensional, but this would be considerably harder to prove.

**Theorem 1.2.** *For  $a \geq b \geq c + 1 \geq 4$ , define partitions*

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \mu(a, b, c, e) = (ae - 3, be - 3, ce - 3, e - 1, e - 1), \\ \lambda &= \lambda(a, b, c, e) = ((a + 2)e - 5, be - 3, ce - 3),\end{aligned}$$

*of some integer  $n$ . Then  $\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\mu), \Delta(\lambda))) \geq 2$ .*

Using Lemma 1.1, this is sufficient to prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Given any integer  $l \geq 0$  there exist partitions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of some integer  $m$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned}\dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_m}(\Delta(\alpha), \Delta(\beta))) &\geq l; \text{ and hence} \\ \dim(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}_m}(S^\alpha, S^\beta)) &\geq l.\end{aligned}$$

If the results of Chaung and Tan [1] hold for the  $q$ -Schur algebra (rather than just the Schur algebra) then the proof of Theorem 1.3 almost follows from the work of Dodge (and Lemma 1.1): only the cases  $e = 2, 3, 4$  would not be covered. We note that Lemma 1.1 is the only result we know that allows us to build large homomorphism spaces from smaller ones; for example, for small  $e$  we do not know of any pair of partitions such that the homomorphism space between the corresponding Weyl modules has dimension 3.

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

In this section, we give the proof of the main result. Fix a field  $F$  and an element  $q \in F^\times$  such that  $e = \min\{f \geq 2 \mid 1 + q + \dots + q^{f-1} = 0\}$  exists. For  $n \geq 0$  let  $\mathcal{S}_n = \mathcal{S}_{F,q}(\mathfrak{S}_n)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}_{F,q}(\mathfrak{S}_n)$ . The characteristic of the field plays no further role in this paper. We first recall a method to determine the dimension of the homomorphism space between a pair of Weyl modules. For full details, we refer the reader to [5, Section 2.2].

**2.1. Homomorphism spaces.** Fix partitions  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of  $n$ . For every composition  $\nu$  of  $n$ , we define  $m_\nu \in \mathcal{H}_n$  and a cyclic right  $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module  $M^\nu = m_\nu \mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \nu)$  denote the set of row-standard  $\lambda$ -tableaux of type  $\nu$ , with  $\mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \nu) \subseteq \mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \nu)$  the subset of semistandard tableaux. For each  $\mathsf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \nu)$  we define a  $\mathcal{H}_n$ -homomorphism  $\Theta_{\mathsf{T}} : M^\nu \rightarrow S^\lambda$  such that  $\{\Theta_{\mathsf{T}} \mid \mathsf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \nu)\}$  are linearly independent.

Let  $\ell(\nu)$  denote the number of parts of any composition  $\nu$ . For  $1 \leq d < \ell(\mu)$  and  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}$  we define an element  $h_{d,t} \in \mathcal{H}_n$ . Let  $\text{EHom}_{\mathcal{H}_n}(M^\mu, S^\lambda)$  be the space spanned by  $\{\Theta_{\mathsf{T}} \mid \mathsf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \mu)\}$  and let

$$\Psi(\mu, \lambda) = \{\Theta \in \text{EHom}_{\mathcal{H}_n}(M^\mu, S^\lambda) \mid \Theta(m_\mu h_{d,t}) = 0 \text{ for all } 1 \leq d < \ell(\mu), 1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}\}.$$

This definition is motivated by the following result which follows from [5, Theorem 2.2] and the remark following [5, Corollary 2.4].

**Lemma 2.1.**

$$\Psi(\mu, \lambda) \cong_F \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{S}_n}(\Delta(\mu), \Delta(\lambda)).$$

We therefore want to determine  $\Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ . First we set up some notation. If  $\mathsf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \nu)$ , let  $\mathsf{T}_j^i$  denote the number of entries of  $\mathsf{T}$  which lie in row  $j$  and which are equal to  $i$ . We extend this definition by setting  $\mathsf{T}_j^{>i} = \sum_{k>i} \mathsf{T}_j^k$ , and similarly for other definitions. If  $m \geq 0$  define

$$[m] = 1 + q + \dots + q^{m-1} \in F.$$

Let  $[0]! = 1$  and for  $m \geq 1$ , set  $[m]! = [m][m-1]!$ . If  $m \geq j \geq 0$ , set

$$\begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix} = \frac{[m]!}{[j]![m-j]!}.$$

For integers  $m$  and  $j$ , if any of the conditions  $m \geq j \geq 0$  fail we define  $\begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix} = 0$ . Using Lemma 2.4 below or otherwise, it is straightforward to show that  $\begin{bmatrix} m \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  is then well-defined for any  $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and may be considered as an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[q]$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([5] Proposition 2.7). *Suppose that  $\mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \mu)$ . Choose  $d$  with  $1 \leq d < \ell(\mu)$  and  $t$  with  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of row-standard tableaux obtained by replacing  $t$  of the entries in  $\mathbf{T}$  which are equal to  $d+1$  with  $d$ . Each tableau  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}$  will be of type  $\nu(d, t)$  where*

$$\nu(d, t)_j = \begin{cases} \mu_j + t, & j = d, \\ \mu_j - t, & j = d + 1, \\ \mu_j, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Recall that  $\Theta_{\mathbf{T}} : M^\mu \rightarrow S^\lambda$  and  $\Theta_{\mathbf{S}} : M^{\nu(d, t)} \rightarrow S^\lambda$ . Then

$$\Theta_{\mathbf{T}}(m_\mu h_{d, t}) = \sum_{\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{\ell(\lambda)} q^{\mathbf{T}_{> j}^d (\mathbf{S}_j^d - \mathbf{T}_j^d)} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_j^d \\ \mathbf{T}_j^d \end{bmatrix} \right) \Theta_{\mathbf{S}}(m_{\nu(d, t)}).$$

**Lemma 2.3** ([5] Proposition 2.9). *Suppose  $\lambda$  is a partition of  $n$  and  $\nu$  is a composition of  $n$ . Let  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \nu)$ . Suppose  $1 \leq r \leq \ell(\lambda) - 1$  and that  $1 \leq d \leq \ell(\nu)$ . Let*

$$\mathcal{G} = \left\{ g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{\ell(\nu)}) \mid g_d = 0, \sum_{i=1}^{\ell(\nu)} g_i = S_{r+1}^d \text{ and } g_i \leq S_r^i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \ell(\nu) \right\}.$$

For  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , let  $\bar{g}_{d-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} g_i$  and let  $\mathbf{U}_g$  be the row-standard tableau formed from  $\mathbf{S}$  by moving all entries equal to  $d$  from row  $r+1$  to row  $r$  and for  $i \neq d$  moving  $g_i$  entries equal to  $i$  from row  $r$  to row  $r+1$ . Then

$$\Theta_{\mathbf{S}} = (-1)^{S_{r+1}^d} q^{-\binom{S_{r+1}^d}{2}} q^{-S_{r+1}^d S_{r+1}^{< d}} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} q^{\bar{g}_{d-1}} \prod_{i=1}^{\ell(\nu)} q^{g_i S_{r+1}^{< i}} \begin{bmatrix} S_{r+1}^i + g_i \\ g_i \end{bmatrix} \Theta_{\mathbf{U}_g}.$$

In the following section, we apply these two lemmas to find elements of  $\Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ .

*Example.* Let  $e = 2$ . Take  $\lambda = (7, 5, 3)$  and  $\mu = (5, 5, 3, 1, 1)$ . We identify a  $\lambda$ -tableau  $\mathbf{T}$  of type  $\nu \supseteq \mu$  with the image  $\Theta_{\mathbf{T}}(m_\nu) \in S^\lambda$ . Recall that if  $\lambda \not\supseteq \nu$  then  $\mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \nu) = \emptyset$  so that we immediately have  $\Theta(m_\mu h_{1, t}) = 0$  for  $t = 3, 4, 5$  and  $\Theta(m_\mu h_{2, 3}) = 0$ .

(1) Let  $\Theta(m_\mu) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(m_\mu h_{4, 1}) &= [2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0, \\ \Theta(m_\mu h_{3, 1}) &= [2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0, \\ \Theta(m_\mu h_{2, 1}) &= q^4 [2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + [5] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= q^4 [2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + [5] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0, \\ \Theta(m_\mu h_{2, 2}) &= q^4 [2] [5] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + q^4 [2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + [5] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= q^4 [2] [5] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - q^4 [2] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta(m_\mu h_{1,1}) &= [6] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\
&= [6] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} - [4] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} - q^3 [2] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\
&= 0, \\
\Theta(m_\mu h_{1,2}) &= [6] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\
&= -q^3 [6] [2] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + q^3 [3] [2] \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

so that  $\Theta \in \Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ .

(2) Let

$$\Phi = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 3 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 5 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 3 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 5 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 4 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

Then  $\Phi \in \Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ .

**2.2. Gaussian Polynomials.** In order to tell if a homomorphism  $\Theta$  lies in  $\Psi(\mu, \lambda)$  we record some results about the Gaussian polynomials  $\begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix}$ . The first is well-known.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Suppose  $m, j \geq 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} m+1 \\ j \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} m \\ j-1 \end{bmatrix} + q^j \begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix} + q^{m-j+1} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ j-1 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.5** ([5] Lemma 2.6). *Suppose  $m, k \geq l \geq 0$ . Then,*

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j q^{\binom{j}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} l \\ j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m-j \\ k \end{bmatrix} = q^{l(m-k)} \begin{bmatrix} m-l \\ k-l \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Suppose that  $m \geq 0$  and write  $m = m^*e + m'$  where  $0 \leq m' < e$ . If  $m' < j \leq e-1$  then*

$$\begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

*Proof.* Write

$$\begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix} = \frac{[m][m-1] \dots [m-j+1]}{[j][j-1] \dots [1]}$$

so that one of the terms in the numerator and none of the terms in the denominator are equal to zero.  $\square$

The next lemma follows immediately.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Suppose  $1 \leq j \leq e-1$ . Then*

$$\begin{bmatrix} ae-1+j \\ j \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

for all  $a \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** *Suppose  $m \geq l \geq 0$ , that  $k \geq 1$  and that  $a_1, \dots, a_k \geq 0$  are such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i = m$ . Then*

$$\sum_{c_1 + \dots + c_k = l} \prod_{i=1}^k q^{(a_i - c_i)(c_{i+1} + \dots + c_k)} \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ c_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ l \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* The result is true for  $m = 0$  so suppose that  $m \geq 1$  and that the lemma holds for  $m - 1$ . Using Lemma 2.4 and the inductive hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{c_1+\dots+c_k=l} \prod_{i=1}^k q^{(a_i-c_i)(c_{i+1}+\dots+c_k)} \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ c_i \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \sum_{c_1+\dots+c_k=l} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} q^{(a_i-c_i)(c_{i+1}+\dots+c_k)} \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ c_i \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{bmatrix} a_k-1 \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} + q^{a_k-c_k} \begin{bmatrix} a_k-1 \\ c_k-1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= \sum_{c_1+\dots+c_k=l} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} q^{(a_i-c_i)(c_{i+1}+\dots+c_k)} \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ c_i \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} a_k-1 \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \\
&\quad + q^{a_1+\dots+a_k-c_1-\dots-c_k} \sum_{c_1+\dots+c_k=l-1} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} q^{(a_i-c_i)(c_{i+1}+\dots+c_k)} \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ c_i \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} a_k-1 \\ c_k \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} m-1 \\ l \end{bmatrix} + q^{m-l} \begin{bmatrix} m-1 \\ l-1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} m \\ l \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

as required.

An alternative proof may be constructed by counting the number of  $l$ -dimensional vector spaces of an  $m$ -dimensional vector space over the finite fields.  $\square$

**2.3. Elements of  $\Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ .** We are now ready to prove Theorem 1.2. Fix  $a \geq b \geq c+1 \geq 4$  and define partitions

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= \mu(a, b, c, e) = (ae-3, be-3, ce-3, e-1, e-1), \\
\lambda &= \lambda(a, b, c, e) = ((a+2)e-5, be-3, ce-3),
\end{aligned}$$

of some integer  $n$ . If  $\mathsf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_r(\lambda, \nu)$  for some  $\nu \supseteq \mu$ , recall that  $\mathsf{T}_j^i$  is the number of entries equal to  $i$  in row  $j$  of  $\mathsf{T}$ . We denote  $\mathsf{T}$  by

$$\mathsf{T} = \begin{array}{ccccc} 1^{\mathsf{T}_1^1} & 2^{\mathsf{T}_1^2} & 3^{\mathsf{T}_1^3} & 4^{\mathsf{T}_1^4} & 5^{\mathsf{T}_1^5} \\ 1^{\mathsf{T}_2^1} & 2^{\mathsf{T}_2^2} & 3^{\mathsf{T}_2^3} & 4^{\mathsf{T}_2^4} & 5^{\mathsf{T}_2^5} \\ 1^{\mathsf{T}_3^1} & 2^{\mathsf{T}_3^2} & 3^{\mathsf{T}_3^3} & 4^{\mathsf{T}_3^4} & 5^{\mathsf{T}_3^5} \end{array},$$

where we omit terms if  $\mathsf{T}_j^i = 0$ . Our strategy is to define linearly independent elements  $\Theta$  and  $\Phi$  in  $\text{EHom}_{\mathcal{H}_n}(S^\mu, S^\lambda)$  and use Lemmas 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 to show that  $\Theta(m_\mu h_{d,t}) = \Phi(m_\mu h_{d,t}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq d \leq 4$  and  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}$ . Theorem 1.2 then follows by Lemma 2.1.

**Lemma 2.9.** *Suppose that  $\mathsf{T} \in \mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \mu)$  has the form*

$$\mathsf{T} = \begin{array}{ccccc} 1^{ae-3} & 2^{e-1} & 3^{\mathsf{T}_1^3} & 4^{\mathsf{T}_1^4} & 5^{\mathsf{T}_1^5} \\ 2^{(b-1)e-2} & 3^{\mathsf{T}_2^3} & 4^{\mathsf{T}_2^4} & 5^{\mathsf{T}_2^5} & \\ 3^{\mathsf{T}_3^3} & 4^{\mathsf{T}_3^4} & 5^{\mathsf{T}_3^5} & & \end{array}.$$

*Then the following results hold.*

- (1) *Suppose  $1 \leq t \leq e-1$ . Write  $\mathsf{T} \xrightarrow{4,t} \mathsf{S}$  if  $\mathsf{S}$  is a row-standard  $\nu$ -tableau formed from  $\mathsf{T}$  by changing  $t$  entries equal to 5 in  $\mathsf{T}$  into 4s. If  $\mathsf{T} \xrightarrow{4,t} \mathsf{S}$  then  $\mathsf{S}$  is semistandard and*

$$\Theta_{\mathsf{T}}(m_\mu h_{4,t}) = \sum_{\mathsf{T} \xrightarrow{4,t} \mathsf{S}} q^{(\mathsf{T}_3^4+\mathsf{T}_2^4)(\mathsf{S}_1^4-\mathsf{T}_1^4)} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{S}_1^4 \\ \mathsf{T}_1^4 \end{bmatrix} q^{\mathsf{T}_3^4(\mathsf{S}_2^4-\mathsf{T}_2^4)} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{S}_2^4 \\ \mathsf{T}_2^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{S}_3^4 \\ \mathsf{T}_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \Theta_{\mathsf{S}}(m_\nu).$$

- (2) Suppose  $1 \leq t \leq e-1$ . Write  $T \xrightarrow{3,t} S$  if  $S$  is a row-standard  $\nu$ -tableau formed from  $T$  by changing  $t$  entries equal to 4 in  $T$  into 3s. If  $T \xrightarrow{3,t} S$  then  $S$  is semistandard and

$$\Theta_T(m_\mu h_{3,t}) = \sum_{T \xrightarrow{3,t} S} q^{(\tau_2^3 + \tau_3^3)(s_1^3 - \tau_1^3)} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^3 \\ T_1^3 \end{bmatrix} q^{\tau_3^3(s_2^3 - \tau_2^3)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ T_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ T_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \Theta_S(m_\nu).$$

- (3) Suppose  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_3 - 1$ . Write  $T \xrightarrow{2,t} S$  if  $S$  is a row-standard  $\nu$ -tableau formed from  $T$  by first changing  $t$  entries equal to 3 in  $T$  into 2s in the second and third rows and then exchanging all entries equal to 2 in row 3 with entries not equal to 2 in row 2. If  $T \xrightarrow{2,t} S$  then  $S$  is semistandard and

$$\Theta_T(m_\mu h_{2,t}) = \sum_{T \xrightarrow{2,t} S} (-1)^{\tau_3^3 - s_3^3} q^{(\tau_3^3 - s_3^3) + s_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e - 2 + t - \tau_3^3 \\ (b-1)e - 2 - s_3^3 \end{bmatrix} q^{\tau_3^4(s_3^5 - \tau_3^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ T_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ T_3^5 \end{bmatrix} \Theta_S(m_\nu).$$

In particular,  $\Theta_T(m_\mu h_{2,t}) = 0$  for  $t > e-1$ .

- (4) Suppose  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_2 - 1$ . Write  $T \xrightarrow{1,t} S$  if  $S$  is a row-standard  $\nu$ -tableau formed from  $T$  by first changing  $t$  entries equal to 2 in  $T$  into 1s and then exchanging all entries equal to 1 in row 2 with entries not equal to 1 in row 1. If  $T \xrightarrow{1,t} S$  then  $S$  is semistandard and

$$\Theta_T(m_\mu h_{1,t}) = \sum_{T \xrightarrow{1,t} S} (-1)^{\tau_2^2 - s_2^2} q^{(\tau_2^2 - s_2^2) + s_2^2 t} \begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e - 1 + t \\ ae - 3 - s_2^2 \end{bmatrix} q^{\tau_2^3(s_2^4 - \tau_2^4)} q^{(\tau_2^3 + \tau_2^4)(s_2^5 - \tau_2^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ T_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^4 \\ T_2^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^5 \\ T_2^5 \end{bmatrix} \Theta_S(m_\nu)$$

where  $\tau_2^2 = (b-1)e - 2$ . In particular,  $\Theta_T(m_\mu h_{1,t}) = 0$  for  $t > 2e - 2$ .

*Proof.* To check the tableaux  $S$  are semistandard, observe that  $ae - 3 \geq be - 3$  and that  $(b-1)e - 2 \geq ce - 3$ . Parts (1) and (2) are then just restatements of Lemma 2.2. Now consider (3). Use Lemma 2.2 to write  $\Theta_T$  as a linear combination of terms  $\Theta_R(m_\nu)$  where  $R$  is formed from  $T$  by changing entries equal to 3 into 2s. If  $s > 0$  entries are changed in the first row then the term occurs with coefficient a multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} e-1+s \\ s \end{bmatrix} = 0$  by Lemma 2.7 so we may assume all entries changed are in the last two rows. It then follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $\Theta_T(m_\mu h_{2,t}) = \sum_{T \xrightarrow{2,t} S} b(S) \Theta_S(m_\nu)$  where

$$b(S) = \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j q^{-\binom{j+1}{2}} q^{j(j - \tau_3^3 + s_3^3)} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e - 2 + t - j \\ t - j \end{bmatrix} q^{\tau_3^3(s_3^4 - \tau_3^4)} q^{(\tau_3^3 + \tau_3^4)(s_3^5 - \tau_3^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ T_3^3 - j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ T_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ T_3^5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Changing the limits of the sum and applying Lemma 2.5 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} b(S) &= (-1)^{\tau_3^3 - s_3^3} q^{\tau_3^3(s_3^4 - \tau_3^4)} q^{(\tau_3^3 + \tau_3^4)(s_3^5 - \tau_3^5)} q^{-\binom{\tau_3^3 - s_3^3 + 1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ T_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ T_3^5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j q^{\binom{j}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e - 2 + t - j - \tau_3^3 + s_3^3 \\ (b-1)e - 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{\tau_3^3 - s_3^3} q^{\tau_3^3(s_3^4 - \tau_3^4)} q^{(\tau_3^3 + \tau_3^4)(s_3^5 - \tau_3^5)} q^{-\binom{\tau_3^3 - s_3^3 + 1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ T_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ T_3^5 \end{bmatrix} q^{s_3^3(t - \tau_3^3 + s_3^3)} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e - 2 + t - \tau_3^3 \\ (b-1)e - 2 - s_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{\tau_3^3 - s_3^3} q^{(\tau_3^3 - s_3^3) + s_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e - 2 + t - \tau_3^3 \\ (b-1)e - 2 - s_3^3 \end{bmatrix} q^{\tau_3^4(s_3^5 - \tau_3^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ T_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ T_3^5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

as required.

The proof of part (4) of the lemma follows on identical lines.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** Define a tableau  $T \in \mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \mu)$  by

$$T = \begin{array}{ccc} 1^{ae-3} 2^{e-1} 3^{e-1} \\ 2^{(b-1)e-2} 3^{e-1} \\ 3^{(c-2)e-1} 4^{e-1} 5^{e-1} \end{array}$$

and let  $\Theta = \Theta_T$ . Then  $\Theta \in \Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $T$  has the form described in Lemma 2.9. Suppose  $1 \leq t \leq e-1$ . Then applying Lemma 2.9 and Lemma 2.7,

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(m_\mu h_{4,t}) &= \begin{bmatrix} e-1+t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \frac{1^{ae-3} 2^{e-1} 3^{e-1}}{2^{(b-1)e-2} 3^{e-1} 3^{(c-2)e-1} 4^{e-1+t} 5^{e-1-t}} = 0; \\ \Theta(m_\mu h_{3,t}) &= \begin{bmatrix} (c-2)e-1+t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \frac{1^{ae-3} 2^{e-1} 3^{e-1}}{2^{(b-1)e-2} 3^{e-1} 3^{(c-2)e-1+t} 4^{e-1-t} 5^{e-1}} = 0; \\ \Theta(m_\mu h_{2,t}) &= q^{((c-2)e-1)t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c+1)e-1+t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \frac{1^{ae-3} 2^{e-1} 3^{e-1}}{2^{(b-1)e-2+t} 3^{e-1-t} 3^{(c-2)e-1} 4^{e-1} 5^{e-1}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $1 \leq t \leq 2e-2$ . Then

$$\Theta(m_\mu h_{1,t}) = \sum_{T \xrightarrow{1,t} S} (-1)^{\tau_2^2 - S_2^2} q^{(\tau_2^2 - S_2^2) + S_2^2 t} \begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e-1+t \\ ae-3-S_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ e-1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

But if  $T \xrightarrow{d,t} S$  then  $\begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ e-1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$  unless  $S_2^3 = e-1$ ; and if  $S_2^3 = e-1$  then  $1 \leq t \leq e-1$  and then

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e-1+t \\ ae-3-S_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e-1+t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

by Lemma 2.7. Hence  $\Theta(m_\mu h_{d,t}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq d \leq 4$  and all  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}$  as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the set of  $\lambda$ -tableaux  $A$  of type  $\mu$  which have the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1^{ae-3} 2^{e-1} 3^{A_1^3} 4^{A_1^4} 5^{A_1^5} \\ 2^{(b-1)e-2} 3^{A_2^3} 4^{A_2^4} 5^{A_2^5} \\ 3^{(c-1)e-2} 4^{A_3^4} 5^{A_3^5} \end{array}$$

and  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the set of  $\lambda$ -tableaux  $B$  of type  $\mu$  which have the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1^{ae-3} 2^{e-1} 3^{B_1^3} 4^{B_1^4} 5^{B_1^5} \\ 2^{(b-1)e-2} 3^{B_2^3} 4^{B_2^4} 5^{B_2^5} \\ 3^{(c-1)e-1} 4^{B_3^4} 5^{B_3^5} \end{array}$$

so that all  $A \in \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  are semistandard. Set

$$\Phi = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \Theta_A - q \sum_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \Theta_B.$$

Then  $\Phi \in \Psi(\mu, \lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Note that all tableaux  $A \in \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$  have the form described in Lemma 2.9 and use the notation of that lemma. For  $1 \leq d \leq 4$  and  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}$ , let

$$\mathcal{D}(d, t) = \{S \in \mathcal{T}_0(\lambda, \nu) \mid A \xrightarrow{d,t} S \text{ for some } A \in \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}\}.$$

For  $S \in \mathcal{D}(d, t)$  define  $b_{\mathcal{A}}(S)$  to be the coefficient of  $\Theta_S(m_\nu)$  in  $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \Theta_A(m_\mu h_{d,t})$ , define  $b_{\mathcal{B}}(S)$  to be its coefficient in  $\sum_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \Theta_B(m_\mu h_{d,t})$  and set  $b(S) = b_{\mathcal{A}}(S) - qb_{\mathcal{B}}(S)$  to be its coefficient in  $\Phi(m_\mu h_{d,t})$ .

Take  $d = 4$  and  $1 \leq t \leq e - 1$  and suppose that  $S \in \mathcal{D}(4, t)$ . Using Lemma 2.9 and applying Lemma 2.8 and Lemma 2.7 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{\mathcal{A}}(S) &= \sum_{\substack{A \in \mathcal{A} \\ A \xrightarrow{d, t} S}} q^{(A_3^4 + A_2^4)(S_1^4 - A_1^4)} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^4 \\ A_1^4 \end{bmatrix} q^{A_3^4(S_2^4 - A_2^4)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^4 \\ A_2^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ A_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \sum_{A_1^4 + A_2^4 + A_3^4 = e-1} q^{(A_3^4 + A_2^4)(S_1^4 - A_1^4)} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^4 \\ A_1^4 \end{bmatrix} q^{A_3^4(S_2^4 - A_2^4)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^4 \\ A_2^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ A_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} S_1^4 + S_2^4 + S_3^4 \\ A_1^4 + A_2^4 + A_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} e - 1 + t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

An identical argument shows that  $b_{\mathcal{B}}(S)$  is also zero.

Now take  $d = 3$  and  $1 \leq t \leq e - 1$ . Suppose that  $S \in \mathcal{D}(d, t)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
b(S) &= \sum_{\substack{A \in \mathcal{A} \\ A \xrightarrow{d, t} S}} q^{(A_2^3 + A_3^3)(S_1^3 - A_1^3)} q^{A_3^3(S_2^3 - A_2^3)} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^3 \\ A_1^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ A_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ A_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&\quad - q \sum_{\substack{B \in \mathcal{B} \\ B \xrightarrow{d, t} S}} q^{(B_2^3 + B_3^3)(S_1^3 - B_1^3)} q^{B_3^3(S_2^3 - B_2^3)} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^3 \\ B_1^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ B_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ B_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= q^{((c-1)e-2)((c-1)e-2-S_3^3+t)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ (c-1)e-2 \end{bmatrix} \sum_{A_1^3 + A_2^3 = e-1} q^{A_2^3(S_1^3 - A_1^3)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ A_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^3 \\ A_1^3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&\quad - q^{((c-1)e-1)((c-1)e-1-S_3^3+t)+1} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ (c-1)e-1 \end{bmatrix} \sum_{B_1^3 + B_2^3 = e-2} q^{B_2^3(S_1^3 - B_1^3)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ B_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^3 \\ B_1^3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= q^{((c-1)e-2)((c-1)e-2-S_3^3+t)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ (c-1)e-2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 + S_1^3 \\ e-1 \end{bmatrix} - q^{((c-1)e-1)((c-1)e-1-S_3^3+t)+1} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ (c-1)e-1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 + S_1^3 \\ e-2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

where, by Lemma 2.6,  $\begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ (c-1)e-2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} S_3^3 \\ (c-1)e-1 \end{bmatrix}$  are both zero unless  $S_3^3 = (c-1)e-2$  or  $S_3^3 = (c-1)e-1$ . If  $S_3^3 = (c-1)e-2$  then  $S_1^3 + S_2^3 = e-1+t$  and

$$b(S) = q^{((c-1)e-1)t} \begin{bmatrix} e-1+t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

by Lemma 2.7. If  $S_3^3 = (c-1)e-1$  then  $S_1^3 + S_2^3 = e-2+t$ . Note that  $[(c-1)e-1] = -q^{(c-1)e-1}$ . Applying Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 2.7 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
b(S) &= q^{((c-1)e-2)(t-1)} [(c-1)e-1] \begin{bmatrix} e-2+t \\ e-1 \end{bmatrix} - q^{((c-1)e-1)t+1} \begin{bmatrix} e-2+t \\ e-2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= -q^{((c-1)e-2)t+1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} e-2+t \\ e-1 \end{bmatrix} + q^t \begin{bmatrix} e-2+t \\ e-2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= -q^{((c-1)e-2)t+1} \begin{bmatrix} e-1+t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

as required.



Now take  $d = 2$  and  $1 \leq t \leq e - 1$  and suppose that  $S \in \mathcal{D}(2, t)$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  note that  $A_3^3 = (c - 1)e - 2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} b_{\mathcal{A}}(S) &= \sum_{A \xrightarrow{2,t} S} (-1)^{A_3^3 - S_3^3} q^{\binom{A_3^3 - S_3^3}{2} + S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e - 2 + t - A_3^3 \\ (b-1)e - 2 - S_3^3 \end{bmatrix} q^{A_3^4(S_3^5 - A_4^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ A_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ A_3^5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{(c-1)e-2-S_3^3} q^{\binom{(c-1)e-2-S_3^3}{2} + S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e + t \\ (b-1)e - 2 - S_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \sum_{A_3^4 + A_3^5 = e-1} q^{A_3^4(S_3^5 - A_4^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 \\ A_3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^5 \\ A_3^5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{(c-1)e-2-S_3^3} q^{\binom{(c-1)e-2-S_3^3}{2} + S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e + t \\ (b-1)e - 2 - S_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 + S_3^5 \\ e - 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and the same argument shows that

$$b_{\mathcal{B}}(S) = (-1)^{(c-1)e-1-S_3^3} q^{\binom{(c-1)e-1-S_3^3}{2} + S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e - 1 + t \\ (b-1)e - 2 - S_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_3^4 + S_3^5 \\ e - 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that if  $A \xrightarrow{2,t} S$  for some  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $e - 1 \leq S_3^4 + S_3^5 \leq 2e - 2$  and if  $B \xrightarrow{2,t} S$  for some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  then  $e - 2 \leq S_3^4 + S_3^5 \leq 2e - 3$ . So by Lemma 2.7,  $b(S) = 0$  unless  $S_3^4 + S_3^5 = e - 2$  or  $S_3^4 + S_3^5 = e - 1$ . If  $S_3^4 + S_3^5 = e - 2$  then

$$b(S) = (-q) q^{S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e - 1 + t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

by Lemma 2.7. If  $S_3^4 + S_3^5 = e - 1$  then recall that  $[e - 1] = -q^{e-1} = -q^{(b-c)e-1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} b(S) &= q^{S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e + t \\ t \end{bmatrix} + (q) q^{S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e - 1 + t \\ t - 1 \end{bmatrix} [e - 1] \\ &= q^{S_3^3 t} \left( \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e + t \\ t \end{bmatrix} - q^{(b-c)e} \begin{bmatrix} (b-1)e + t - 1 \\ t - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= q^{S_3^3 t} \begin{bmatrix} (b-c)e + t - 1 \\ t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 2.7.

Finally take  $d = 1$  and  $1 \leq t \leq 2e - 2$  and suppose that  $S \in \mathcal{D}(1, t)$ . By Lemma 2.9

$$\begin{aligned} b_{\mathcal{A}}(S) &= \sum_{A \xrightarrow{2,t} S} (-1)^{A_2^2 - S_2^2} q^{\binom{A_2^2 - S_2^2}{2} + S_2^2 t} \begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e - 1 + t \\ ae - 3 - S_2^2 \end{bmatrix} q^{A_2^3(S_2^4 - A_2^4)} q^{(A_2^3 + A_2^4)(S_2^5 - A_2^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ A_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^4 \\ A_2^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^5 \\ A_2^5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{A_2^2 - S_2^2} q^{\binom{A_2^2 - S_2^2}{2} + S_2^2 t} \begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e - 1 + t \\ ae - 3 - S_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \sum_{A_2^3 + A_2^4 + A_2^5 = e-1} q^{A_2^3(S_2^4 - A_2^4)} q^{(A_2^3 + A_2^4)(S_2^5 - A_2^5)} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 \\ A_2^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^4 \\ A_2^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^5 \\ A_2^5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1)^{A_2^2 - S_2^2} q^{\binom{A_2^2 - S_2^2}{2} + S_2^2 t} \begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e - 1 + t \\ ae - 3 - S_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_2^3 + S_2^4 + S_2^5 \\ e - 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e - 1 \leq S_2^3 + S_2^4 + S_2^5 \leq 2e - 2$ , Lemma 2.7 shows that the last term is zero unless  $S_2^3 + S_2^4 + S_2^5 = e - 1$ . In this case  $1 \leq t \leq e - 1$  and  $S_2^2 = (b - 1)e - 2$  and so  $b_{\mathcal{A}}(S)$  has a factor

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a-b+1)e - 1 + t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

by Lemma 2.7. An identical argument shows that  $b_{\mathcal{B}}(S) = 0$ .

This completes the proof that  $\Phi(m_{\mu} h_{d,t}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq d \leq 4$  and all  $1 \leq t \leq \mu_{d+1}$ .  $\square$

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